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Remarks

Claims 1-30, inclusive, and 37 are under consideration.

Claims 31-36, inclusive, directed to a non-elected aspect of this invention are canceled without prejudice in favor of a divisional application.

New claim 37 is presented to define the elected species with particularity. Support for this claim is found in the specification, *inter alia*, at page 3, line 8, page 7, lines 18 and 21, as well as in original claim 2.

In response to the Requirement for Restriction, applicant hereby elects for further prosecution at this time the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-30, inclusive, and claim 37, drawn to a delivery vehicle for a silver ion releasing compound. This election is made without traverse.

In response to the Requirement to Elect Species, applicant hereby elects for prosecution at this time the species defined by newly added claim 37, i.e., polymeric beads as the delivery vehicle. This election is made without traverse.

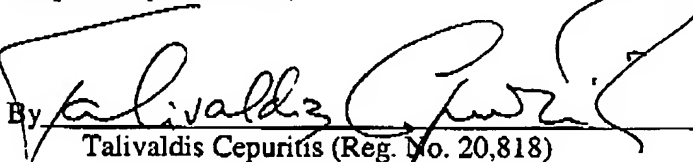
Claims 1, 2 and 8-30 read on claim 37.

In view of the cancellation of claims 31-36, inclusive, no additional claim fee is believed to be due for newly added claim 37.

An early action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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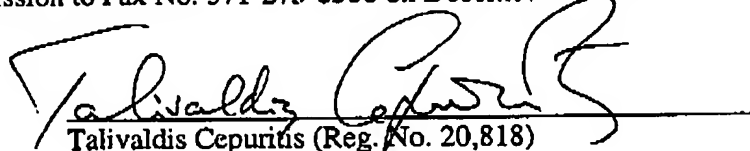
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